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## Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Filing Date	March 15, 2004
First Named Inventor	Ichiro Fujimori
Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Phat X. Cao
Attorney Docket Number	13912US05

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  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-0017. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e)
    - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. ☒ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114, continued examination of the  
above-identified application. Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fee set  
forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e), as well as any other fees required, to the deposit account of  
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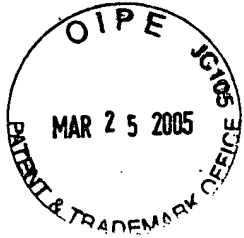
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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This response is being filed concurrently with a request for continued examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114, and responds to be the final Office Action mailed January 25, 2005. Please enter the following claim amendments and consider the following remarks, which are believed to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.